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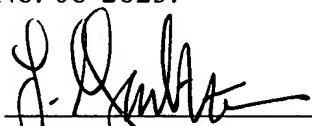
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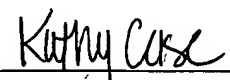
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This responds to the Office Action dated 13 May 2004.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-35) and 43-47, drawn to an aircraft defueling fitting, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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